

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *at*

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

DATE: May 5, 1964

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On May 5, 1964, SA James P. Hosty, Jr., Dallas Office, appeared before the President's Commission to give testimony concerning Agent Hosty's knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Present were the following Commission members: Chief Justice Earl Warren, Senator John Sherman Cooper, Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Mr. John J. McCloy and Mr. Allen Dulles. Also present were Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, together with his staff members: Mr. Samuel Stern, Mr. Norman Redlich and Mr. Howard P. Willens. In addition to these, there was also present Mr. Leon Jaworski, representative of the Attorney General's Office of the State of Texas.

The questioning of Agent Hosty was directed primarily by Mr. Stern, however, various members of the Commission, from time to time, interjected questions to Agent Hosty to clarify various phases of the interrogation. Mr. Stern questioned Agent Hosty in chronological order as to his handling of the case of Lee Harvey Oswald. Agent Hosty testified as to his conversation with Lieutenant Jack Revill in the Dallas Police Department on 11-22-63, at which time, Agent Hosty unequivocally denied ever having made a statement to Lieutenant Revill or to anyone else that the FBI knew that Oswald was capable of assassinating the President of the United States or possessed any potential for violence. Agent Hosty introduced into evidence his affidavit to this effect.

Off the record, J. Lee Rankin and Chief Justice Warren had a conversation as to Revill's deposition concerning his conversation with Agent Hosty. Rankin compared this affidavit of Lieutenant Revill to the testimony of Dallas Police Sergeant Dean, stating that, in both cases, pertinent information was withheld until long after it

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had been developed before making it known. Rankin noted that Lieutenant Revill's affidavit was dated 11-22-63, but was not sworn to until 4-7-64, and not furnished to the President's Commission until 4-22-64, by Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department. Rankin noted that Lieutenant Revill had furnished a deposition to members of the staff of the President's Commission in Dallas on 3-31-64, and had not mentioned this information concerning his conversation with Agent Hosty in this deposition. Chief Justice Warren then ordered all of the above information concerning Lieutenant Revill be placed on the record by Rankin which was then done by Rankin.

Agent Hosty also placed into evidence his deposition which stated that at no time prior to the assassination of President Kennedy did he ever see or talk to Lee Harvey Oswald, made no payments to him and made no attempt to develop him as an informant.

No problems or unusual questions arose during the testimony and it appeared apparent to Agent Hosty that all members of the Commission were completely satisfied with the presentation.

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